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Mr. Kerry Rothschild
Dockets Management Branch
Food and Drug Administration
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Dear Mr. Rothschild:

I received no response whatsoever from your office or anyone else at the FDA in regards to a letter that I sent well over two months ago in regards to the mislabeling of over-the-counter cough, cold and allergy preparations as it relates to patients with Parkinson's disease.

As I documented in that letter, undo frustration, concern and even potential medical risk results from the mislabeling of practically all medications that are available over-the-counter for the treatment of those common ailments listed above. I described in detail why the pharmacology of this label warning in regards to Parkinson's patients is erroneous. The warning suggests that individuals with Parkinson's disease should not take this type of medication, and I suspect that there may well be cases every year of individuals with Parkinson's disease who let symptoms of colds and flus go untreated because of this erroneous warning, very likely setting them up for more severe and potentially fatal illnesses like bacterial pneumonia.

As the cold and flu season is just around the corner, I hope that you will take the time to, at the very least, contact me and let me know if there is someone in the Food and Drug

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Administration who will be more responsive than what I have received thus far (which should not be hard given the fact that I have not gotten any response whatsoever).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brad Hiner", written over the word "Sincerely,".

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